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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PERP, LE, PLO, UN  
SUBJ: GOL ON CAIRO ACCORD AND UN RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY. GOL HAS DECIDED TO FINESSE  
QUESTION OF CONTINUED APPLICABILITY OF CAIRO ACCORDS GOVERN-  
ING PALESTINIAN STATUS IN LEBANON IN LIGHT OF UN RESOLUTION  
425 AND 426, BY UPHOLDING BOTH. END SUMMARY.

2. LEBANESE CABINET MET MAY 24 AND OFFICIAL NATIONAL NEWS  
AGENCY SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED STATEMENT. RELEVANT PORTION OF  
OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN QUOTE. THE PRESIDENT, WHO CONFERRED WITH PRIME  
MINISTER HOSS AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS BEFORE THE MEETING,  
TOLD THE CABINET THAT THE ULTIMATE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
ON THE FUTURE OF THE CAIRO AGREEMENT WAS ONE THING, WHEREAS  
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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 425 AND  
426 BY THE INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN THE SOUTH WAS SOMETHING  
ELSE.

4. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT WHILE THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES  
RESERVED ALL THEIR RIGHTS AND INTERESTS TOWARDS THE CAIRO  
AGREEMENT, NOTHING SHOULD OBSTRUCT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426, AND NO PRETEXTS  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STAND IN THE WAY.

5. THE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FORCES  
HAVE BEEN SET UP TO HELP THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES TO RESTORE  
THEIR CONTROL OVER THE SOUTH, WHICH ASSUMES FULL ISRAELI  
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SOUTH AND THE PREVENTION OF ANY ARMED  
ELEMENTS WHICH DO NOT TAKE ORDERS FROM THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES  
FROM INFILTRATING INTO THE AREA IN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL  
FORCES ARE PRESENT. IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL  
FORCES WILL ONLY HAND OVER POSITIONS WHICH WILL ENSURE CONTROL  
OF THE AREA TO THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, EXCLUSIVELY. END  
QUOTE.

6. COMMENT. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. GOL HAS APPARENTLY  
DECIDED TO POSTPONE ANY DECISIONS ABOUT INTERPRETATION AND  
APPLICATION OF CAIRO ACCORD AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER ISRAELIS  
HAVE WITHDRAWN AND UNIFIL HAS ESTABLISHED ITS CONTROL IN ALL  
OF SOUTH LEBANON.

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